

contact Gonzo

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contact Gonzo is a collective from Osaka, Japan, that combines improvisational physical contact with legendary journalist Hunter S. Thompson's "gonzo" aesthetics. They work in public sites mountains, rivers, galleries, museums, theaters and alleys around the world, with performances that may seem either a street mosh or a sophisticated dance.
Besides being a company, contact Gonzo is also a name of a method they have developed by Masaru Kakio and Yuya Tsukahara starting in 2006. Besides urban interventions, they also work on creations of installations, videos and photography and creating performance piece for theaters and international dance festivals.
In recent years, contact Gonzo became the focus of increasing attention in both the performing arts and contemporary art scenes.
Currently contact Gonzo consists of five members with different backgrounds, including NAZE, Takuya Matsumi, Keigo Mikajiri and Yuya Tsukahara. Saison Foundation Fellow from 2011 - 2018.

2006	foundation year		
2007	Jiro Yoshihara Memorial Award Harajuku Performance +	Contemporary Art Center Laforet Museum	Osaka, Japan Tokyo, Japan
2008	Nanjing Triennale Finland Video Shoot Tour / creation of video work at underground bomb shelters in Helsinki Platform Seoul Kanazawa Dance Crossing Harajuku Performance Plus	Nangging city Helshinki city Seoul city Kanazawa 21st century Museum Laforet Harajuku Museum	Nanging, China Helshinki, Finland Seoul, Korea Kanazawa, Japan Tokyo, Japan
2009	Solo Exhibition "The Modern House" Collaboration Performance work with Choi Kafai (Singapore) commissioned by the Theater Works Collaboration Performance work for Yokohama International Film Festival "Cream" Performance for the com de garcon exhibition Harajuku Performance Plus	Osaka Contemporary Art Center Theater Works Yokohama city MOT Laforet Harajuku Museum	Osaka, Japan Singapore Yokohama, Japan Tokyo, Japan Tokyo, Japan
2010	Roppongi Crossing 2010 Roppongi Art Night (performance with Muneteru Ujino) YCAM performance lounge collaboration with Tetsuya Umeda Enban Jamboree "Hacking on" performance All Night De-construction Aichi Triennale 2010 collaboration performance with Tetsuya Umeda Performance for "Out of Place, Out of Time, Out of Performance" Body Overdrive Exhibition (Stelarc & contact Gonzo) Indonesian Dance Festival 17th Sydney Biennale	Mori Art Museum Mori Art Museum Yamaguchi Center for Arts And Media Shibuya O-nest AD&D gallery Aichi Art Center Nam June Paik Art center Kyoto Arts Center Institut Kesenian Jakarta Superdeluxe@Artspace	Tokyo, Japan Tokyo, Japan Yamaguchi, Japan Tokyo, Japan Osaka, Japan Aichi, Japan Sunwon, Korea Kyoto, Japan Jakarta, Indonesia Sydney, Australia
2011	Kaza Ana Exhibition(Group exhibision) Spring Dance Festival Bunker Festival Festival Noorderzon / Groningen Netherlands Hebbel Am Ufer (HAU) Dance Festival "Leaving the contort zone" Theater Spektakel Collaboration performance with PÁNDI Balázs Social Kitchen 1st Anniversary event	National Art Museum Osaka Utrecht city Ljubljana city Groningen city Hebbel Am Ufer (HAU) Zurich city Trafo Social Kitchen	Osaka, Japan Utrecht, Netherlands Ljubljana, Slovenia Groningen, Netherlands Berlin, Germany Zurich, Switzerland Budapest, Hungary Kyoto, Japan
2012	TweeTakt Festival Collaboration Video work with Jecko Siompo Research and Exhibition of "Mountain Surfing" Project by remo Double Vision Exhibition(Group exhibision)Exhibition and Performance Sound work「the Abstract Life」 presented at AI HALL & KAAT Social Kitchen 2nd Anniversary event Panorama Dance Festival	Utrecht city Osaka city Osaka city Moscow city AI HALL(Osaka),KAAT(Yokohama) Social Kitchen Rio de Janeiro city	Utrecht, Netherlands Osaka, Japan Osaka, Japan Moscow, Russia Osaka, Yokohama, Japan Kyoto, Japan Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2013	MoMa Performing Histories: Live Artworks Examining the Past YCAM 10th Anniversary Project Exhibition and Performance"Hey you ask the animals" Towada oirase art Festival Collaboration Exhibition and performance with Tetsuya Umeda,Rieko Shiga Collaboration Theater Work"Kuma wo korusu to ame ga furu"with Homma Takashi Reykjavik Dance Festival Solo Exhibition" The Earthly Paradise series vol 4" Residency at Freiburg Theater Media Art Kitchen at BACC/Exhibition and performance	MoMa Yamaguchi Center for Arts And Media Towada Contemporary Art Museum AI HALL Harpa oM Gallery Freiburg Theater BACC	NY, US Yamaguchi, Japan Aomori, Japan Osaka, Japan Reykjavik, IceLand Tokyo, Japan Freiburg, Germany Bangkok, Thailand
2014	Director/Curator for Asia Contemporary Dance Festival Kobe 2014 (Yuya Tsukahara) Performance at Asia Contemporary Dance Festival Kobe Exhibition at Roppongi Art Night	Dance Box Dance Box Roppongi city	Kobe, Japan Kobe, Japan Tokyo, Japan

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	Solo Exhibition at Yamamoto Gendai"Trace and sound of workaccompanied by various difficulties"	Yamamoto Gendai	Tokyo, Japan	
	Dance Moves the City, Creation and showing performance	Riga city,Terni city	Riga, Latvia/Terni, Italy	
	Indonesian Dance Festival	Institut Kesenian Jakarta	Jakarta, Indonesia	
2015				
	Ebisu Eizou Festival / performance with Homma Takashi Installation	Tokyo photographic art Museum	Tokyo, Japan	
	Sound Performance Platform	Aichi Art Center	Alchi, Japan	
	Performance at Dance Fanfare Kyoto	Kyoto city	Kyoto, Japan	
	Performance at OK Video Festival / Jakarta Indonesia	Institut Kesenian Jakarta	Jakarta, Indonesia	
	Exhibition and Performance "Shiranai Toshi / Inside Out"	Gallery Fleur Seika University	Kyoto, Japan	
	Exhibition and Performance at Ohita Toilenale	Ohita city	Ohita, Japan	
	Performance at ImpulsTanz	Vienna city	Vienna, Austria	
	Performance at Festival De Keuze	Rotterdam city	Rotterdam, Netherlands	
	Creation, Premiere of "TRANS-ACT – Laboratory of Suspicious Movements"	Mousonturm	Frankfurt, Germany	
2016				
	Kyoto Experiment / creation of theater piece "Teslan Run" co-work with Tomomi Adachi	ALTI	Kyoto, Japan	
	Sonsbeek 2016 / creation of performance	Sonsbeek	Arnhem, Netherlands	
	Setouchi International Triennial 2016 / Exhibition"Ibukijima Drift Densetsu"	Ibuki Ilanda	Kagawa, Osaka	
	The greatest show on Earth / performance collective show	Kampnaget,Mousonturm,Kammerspiele Nanterre-Amandiers,Sophiensaele	Hamburg, Frankfurt, Paris Munich, Berlin	
	Reykjavik Dance Festival / creation of performance	Harpa	Reykjavik, Iceland	
	Joins Choy Ka Fai "Soft Machine" (Yuya Tsukahara,Takuya Matsumi)	Sadler's Wells	England, London	
	Closing performance for Teppei Kaneuji solo exhibition at MIMOCA	MIMOCA	Kagawa, Japan	
2017				
	Solo Exhibition "Physicatopia"	Watarium Art Museum	Tokyo, Japan	
	Reborn Art Festival / creation of outdoor installation	Ishinomaki city	Miyagi, Japan	
	performance at group exhibition "Discharge"	Rock Bund Art Museum	Shanghai, China	
	Kyoto Experiment / join Teppei Kaneuji theater piece "Tower"	RohmTheater	Kyoto, Japan	
	Choreography concept 001 for untrained amateurs workshop	BuYo	Tokyo, Japan	
	Collaboration performance with Kukan Gendai	Soto	Kyoto, Japan	
2018				
	TPAM 2018 performance with Skychurch(metal band from Manila)"The Sound and Vision of a Crowd (working title)"	Bankart	Yokohama, Japan	
	Creation of theater piece with Takashi Homma(photographer) "Shika wo korosuto Nokoru Yuki"	Kyoto Arts Center	Kyoto, Japan	
	Yuya Tsukahara solo work, choreography for Terada Misako	Nigiwai Ichiza	Yokohama, Japan	
	Collaboration performance with Kukan Gendai	Soto	Kyoto, Japan	
	Creation and performance at Mayfes	Bristol city	Bristol, UK	
	Performance for Teppei Kaneuji performance piece "Tower" Roppongi Art Night	Roppongi city	Tokyo, Japan	
	"IMPULSE" Exhibition and performance	gallery @KCUA	Kyoto, Japan	
	Joins Toshiaki Okada direction theater piece "Pratthana" as scenographer(Yuya Tsukahara)	Chulalongkorn Univ, and Centre Pompidou	Bangkok, Thai/Paris, France	
	Joins "Instrumental Builders Project"(Yuya Tsukahara)	Kyoto Arts Center	Kyoto, Japan	
	Join Roberta Lima performance and exhibition for Kyoto Experiment(Yuya Tsukahara)	Kyoto Arts Center	Kyoto, Japan	
2019				
	Co-creation performance with yang02	TOAKS Hongo	Tokyo, Japan	
	Joins performance of "Pratthana" (Yuya Tsukahara,Takuya Matsumi)	Tokyo Metropolitan Theater	Tokyo, Japan	
	Performance with TS Crew relating performance"Unfolding: Fabric of Our Life"	CHAT	Hong Kong	
	Creation of performance piece "wooden vanda" at Homo Nouveus festival	Sporta 2 square	Riga, Latvia	
	Creation of "stuck in the narrowest path" at Ozasia Festival, Adelaide, Australia	Adelaide Festival Centre	Adelaide, Australia	
	Exhibition at Setouchi Triennale 2019	Ibuki Iland	Kagawa, Japan	
	Co-creation of "wow, see you in the next life" with YCAM BIO research and solo exhibition	Yamaguchi Center for Arts And Media	Yamaguchi<Japan	
	Creation of performance work " from dusk till dawn" for NOSEDEN Art Line	Osaka City	Osaka, Japan	
	Co-creation of performance "accident exercises" with Rotterdam Presenta	Düsseldorf	Düsseldorf, Germany	
	Performance for "A Nativity — Evil Is Born"	Vacant	Tokyo, Japan	
2020				
	Exhibition and Performance "Transphère #7 - watching you surf on beautiful accidents"	Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris	Paris, France	
	Workshop and Performance for CHOREOLAB 2020	Chunky Move	Melbourne, Australia	
	Exhibition "Railway Art Festival vol.10 - GDP (Gonzo dot Party)"	Art Area B1	Osaka, Japan	
2021				
	Exhibition "Bubbles / Debris: Art of the Heisei Period 1989–2019"	Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum	Kyoto, Japan	
	Exhibition "Rules?"	21_21 DESIGN SIGHT	Tokyo, Japan	
	Co-creation of performance "accident exercises" with Rotterdam Presenta	THTR RMP	Stuttgart, Germany	
	Exhibition "GDP THE MOVIE - Galactic Transportation's first job"	Art Area B1	Osaka, Japan	
2022				
	Performance "branche and people" for Strange Seed Shizuoka 2022	Sumpu Castle Park	Shizuoka, Japan	
	Exhibition "art bit - Contemporary Art & Indie Game Culture -"	HOTEL ANTEROOM KYOTO	Kyoto, Japan	
	Exhibition "contact Gonzo season 1 - 2006-2022"	PANTALOON	Osaka, Japan	
	Performance "Safari Firing"	Kodu-shima island	Tokyo, Japan	https://www.ama
2023				

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Exhibition "Jozenji Putter Golf Club" with dot architects					sendai mediatheque	Miyagi, Japan	
Performance with yang02 "jactynogg zontaanaco" for TRANSLATION for ALL					ANOMALY	Tokyo, Japan	https://drive.google.com/